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In re patent application of:

Thomas J. Foth) Attorney Docket No.: E-978

Serial No.: 09/474,642) Group Art Unit; 3629

Filed: December 29, 1999) Date: January 6, 2003

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING REFUNDS IN A

POSTAGE METERING SYSTEM

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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Enclosed please find the Amendment in response to an Office Action mailed July 5, 2002, together with the Amendment Transmittal Letter, Petition for Extension of Time, and Proposed Changes to Drawings.

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Amendment Transmittal Letter (2 pages); 1.

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Proposed Changes to Drawings, with two sheets of Drawings (4 pages).

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